

## BACK TO BOOKS ON MONDAY NEXT

Important Announcement from  
Superintendent Chandler as to  
Meetings of Teachers.

Next week is the important one in the realm of city schools. It marks the beginning of scholastic duties for the year, and during it both teacher and pupil will be as busy as bees.

By request of the Superintendent of the City Schools, Dr. J. A. C. Chandler, the attention of all teachers and principals is called to the following announcements:

The principals of the city schools will meet on Monday, the 13th, at 4 o'clock, to receive instructions as to the work for the coming session, and as to routine matters concerning the administration of affairs. Examinations for admission to the High School will take place in the High School Building at 9 A. M. Monday, September 13, under the direction of Principal J. C. Harwood. Tuesday, the 14th, at 10 A. M., all principals of white schools and all white teachers will assemble at the Central School and will there be notified of the assignment of teachers to the various schools and of the general announcement as to enrollment. On the same day at 12 o'clock there will be a meeting at the new Colored High Normal School (the old Lehigh Street School) of all the principals and teachers of colored schools, for the purpose of hearing the assignments read and notifications made as to other matters.

**Will Come to Virginia.**  
W. J. Blakely, of New Brighton, Pa., was a caller at the Department of Agriculture and Immigration yesterday, having come for the purpose of buying a farm in the State. Mr. Blakely, who was here six years ago, declares that farm lands have doubled in price since that time in the sections he visited on both occasions.

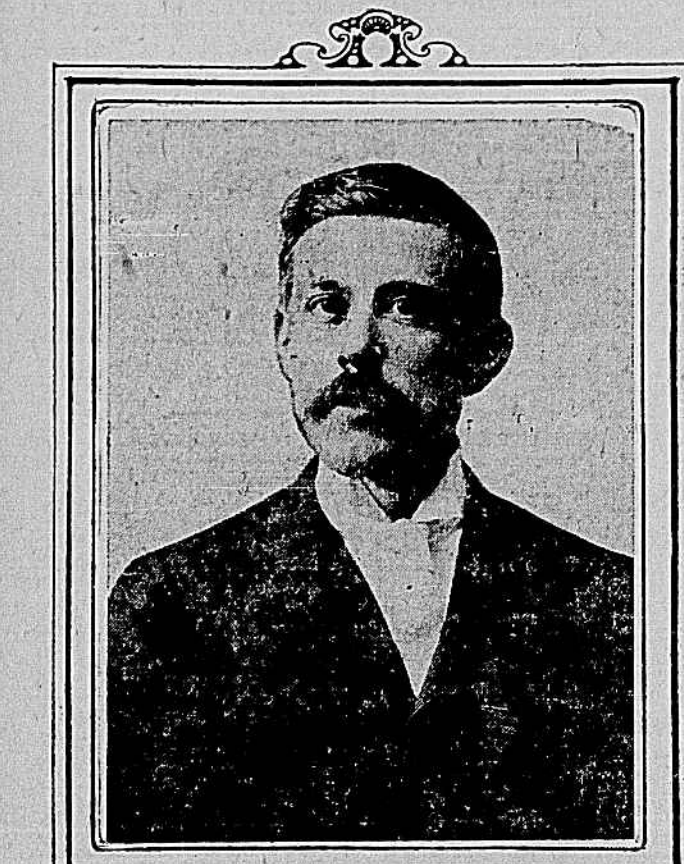
**At Natural Bridge.**  
Lieutenant-Governor Elyson has gone to Natural Bridge to attend the annual meeting of a Baptist district association. He will return to the city Saturday or Monday.

### RIDE ON TUG

Councilmen Enjoy Afternoon Excursion to Drewry's Bluff.

Lack of a quorum prevented the Committee on Improvement of James River from transacting any business yesterday afternoon, but several of the members of the committee accompanied by others, took a ride down the river on the city tug and inspected

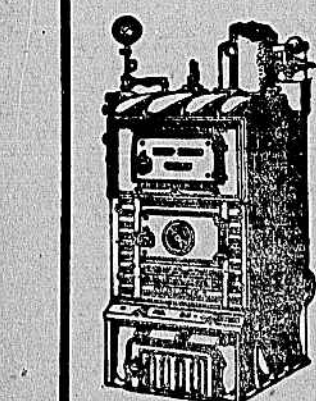
## MEN IN CITY COUNCIL



COUNCILMAN CLAUDE L. BATKINS.  
Councilman Claude L. Batkins, one of the progressive younger men put into the Council by the new West End, represents Lee Ward in the lower branch. He is especially active in the

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the condition of the harbor. The ride extended as far as Drewry's Bluff. Some unfavorable comment was expressed by some of the committeemen present as to the action of the city in using Gillie's Creek as a depository for a part of the sewer system of the city.

**Eagles' Convention.**  
The Eagles will meet in national convention in Omaha, Neb., next week. The Richmond contingent attending will be E. R. Fuller, deputy grand president, and P. C. Martin, past worthy president of Dixie Aerie. Other prominent Eagles from other cities in Virginia will join them on the trip, which will begin on Friday afternoon.

**Call on State Banks.**  
The Corporation Commission yesterday issued a call upon all the State banks in Virginia for statements concerning their condition at the close of business on September 1. The call is in conformity with a similar one made upon the national banks by the United States Comptroller of the Treasury for the same date.

**Lexington Crowded.**  
The Lexington Hotel was filled to overflowing last night, which was largely owing to the fact that a heavy excursion came in during the day from North Carolina over the Southern Railway. All the other hostilities in the city were likewise doing a thriving business, though the Lexington got the bulk of the Carolina party.

**Three Fingers Cut Off.**  
Ottis Tucker, employed at the box factory of David M. Lee & Co., got his hand caught in the machinery yesterday morning, and had three fingers cut off. His thumb was badly bruised, but did not have to be amputated. Tucker lives at 728 North Twenty-fifth Street. He was attended by Dr. Cosby, of the ambulance.

## ROAD BOND PLAN FOR ALEXANDRIA

Proposal to Raise \$400,000 for  
Improvement of the County  
Highways.

CALL FOR A MASS-MEETING

Arrangements Contemplate Submission to Freeholders at the Polls in November.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., September 8.—Good roads for Alexandria county was the subject of discussion at a meeting of leading citizens here last night. At a previous meeting a committee was appointed to work out a plan for the proposed improvement and present suggestions for raising the money. County Supervisors W. N. Febray and F. C. Corbett; A. D. Torreyson, county vice-president of the Virginia Good Roads Association; County Surveyor George E. Garrett, Admiral Rixey and Dr. Johnson were among those present.

Dr. Johnson, who was chairman, presented the committee report. It had been found that there are seventy-two and one-half miles of roads in the county, which were divided into forty-one miles of main lines and thirty-one miles of side roads. It was estimated that it will require \$6,000 a mile to make good roads of the first-class and \$5,000 a mile for the second-class. This will call for the expenditure of \$400,000 approximately, and it was proposed to raise this amount by the issuance of bonds.

**Plans for Road Improvement.**  
The plans for the work, according to the report, are to be drawn up by State Engineer Wilson and County Surveyor Garrett, and the construction of the roads, including the expenditure of the money, will be in control and under the direct supervision of the State Highway officials. In this way, it was believed by the committee, local jealousies over what roads should be first built would be avoided. The kind of bonds, including length of term and rate of interest, also are to be left to the State authorities.

It was pointed out in the committee's statement that practically no addition to the present taxes would be necessary, as only the interest would be to pay, and a sinking fund provided, while about \$2,200 a year would be received from the State and some \$20,000 a year now expended on road repairs would no longer be needed for that purpose, and could be devoted to interest and sinking fund.

**Arrange for a Mass Meeting.**  
After remarks in which nearly every person present took part, it was voted that a committee be named by the chairman to include himself and Mr. Torreyson to arrange for a mass meeting, at which the proposals will be fully discussed.

State Highway Commissioner Wilson

## CASE AGAINST ALVEY FALLS TO GROUND

Counsel for Negro Driver Will  
Not Permit Client to Incriminate Himself.

GRAIN MERCHANT GOES FREE

Only Circumstantial Evidence to  
Connect Contractor With  
Oats Graft.

Because Attorney Kirk Matthews, counsel for James Robinson, refused to allow his client to testify at the crucial point in the trial, the case against Edward Alvey, engaged in the grain business as Alvey Brothers, at 1105 East Cary Street, charged with attempting to steal oats from the city of Richmond, came to a sudden end yesterday morning just as the waiting crowd in the Police Court was expecting to hear something sensational. The result was that Commonwealth's Attorney Folkes rested the case, and Alvey was discharged by Magistrate Lonnie Graves, who was sitting in place of Justice Crutchfield, who, in view of many criticisms, thought it best not to sit.

When the brakes were put on, ending the case, several witnesses for the prosecution had been examined, and James Robinson, the negro driver, was on the stand. Every one waited with tense expectancy to hear what he had to say. He answered promptly pre-

liminary questions having no bearing on the case, but when the Commonwealth's Attorney opened his mouth to ask the first question in regard to the oats graft, Mr. Matthews interrupted.

**Need Not Incriminate Himself.**  
"Wait a minute," he said. "As counsel for this man in the prosecution now in the Hustings Court on appeal, I shall decline to let him testify as to any transaction now before this court, for the reason that the warrant on which he was tried is identical with that on which I am now on trial. Anything he may say can be used against him upstairs; anything he might say would tend to incriminate him, and for

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and Charles Lassiter, of the Virginia Good Roads Association, are among the speakers to be called upon at the meeting, and it is expected that some of the experts from the office of Public Roads of the Department of Agriculture will be present.

It was stated that a county good roads association be formed at the mass meeting. The formal call is to be made under the authority of Vice-President Torreyson, of the State Roads Association.

**Washington and Alexandria Road.**  
Surveyor Garrett, who has been at work on the survey for the proposed road from Washington to Alexandria, stated that this highway will almost certainly be built before the bond issue is made.

The meeting ought to be called at once, it was agreed, so as to hold an election about the time of the regular election in November.

It will be necessary, it is stated, to have separate voting places, as each vote must be given publicly and recorded. The law requires that three fifths of the freeholders of the county shall be recorded in favor of the proposed bond issue.

**BOND ISSUE FINDS FAVOR.**

Another Virginia County Shows Interest in Good Roads Movement.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
BRISTOL, Va., September 8.—Fifteen hundred farmers of Washington county assembled at Cedarville to-day to attend a good roads meeting and discuss the bond issue. The meeting was addressed by State Senator Charles T. Lassiter, of Petersburg, Assessor George S. Jones and Commissioner Coleman also spoke.

The good roads recently constructed in the Meadow View District were inspected by the Washington County Good Roads Association, which was organized, with W. H. Ashton, president. It is the purpose of this association to ask for a bond issue of \$300,000 for roads in the county.

A similar meeting of farmers was held at Bristol, Tenn., nine miles west of Bristol today.

## News of Manchester

Times-Dispatch Bureau.  
Manchester, N. H., Sept. 8.

The citizens of Manchester are desirous that some action shall be taken at once in regard to the proposed consolidation of this city with the city of Concord. While sentiment on this question of consolidation is divided, it may be safely stated that the city is united in the desire that this matter is to be put up to the people it shall be done at the earliest possible moment, and have it settled one way or the other.

Property values and business conditions are unsettled and the people of all classes are waiting anxiously for a report from the Consolidation Committee of the City Council.

**Say Franklin Is the Man.**  
Several members of the City Council interviewed last night expressed the opinion that Walter O. Franklin will be elected by the Assembly to all the offices of Councilman at large, and the resignation of William T. Hart. It is known, however, that L. O. Goodwin has strong supporters in the assembly, and the election is awaited with a great deal of interest.

**September Court Term.**  
The September term of the Corporation Court, not being a grand jury term, and the October term being a civil term, Judge B. H. Wray is to hold a special grand jury to sit Monday, September 20, to dispose of the eight or nine felony cases which have been sent from the Superior Court.

George Henry, a white man, charged with the non-support of his family, was sent on to the grand jury from the Mayor's Court yesterday. Ida Jackson, colored, was fined \$2.50 and costs for fighting.

Richard Patterson, colored, was fined \$10 and costs for cutting Mary Banks. Henry Johnston, charged with cutting Ida Jackson, was dismissed, as the woman pleaded for him and acknowledged it was her fault.

**Lay Corner-Stone.**  
The laying of the corner-stone of the new Chastellard cemetery will take place next Tuesday, September 14.

The exercises will begin at 11 A. M. The Rev. George W. McDaniel, D. D., and W. W. Baker will be among the speakers. Dinner will be served on the grounds.

**Found Her Father.**  
Miss Maud Cleo Collins, of this city, has recently found her father, who disappeared after a separation of seventeen years, and with the discovery also finds herself heiress to a considerable fortune. She is the heroine of quite a romantic story. She was born in or near the little town of Castella, in the eastern part of North Carolina. The marriage of her parents was not a happy one, and when she was four months old her mother left home and husband and went to Georgia, carrying the child with her. After living several years in that State the mother and child came to Ashland, Va., and afterwards moved to Richmond.

Collins in the meantime, not knowing the whereabouts of his child, and believing her to be in Georgia, searched the State for many years, but being unsuccessful, finally relinquished the quest. The wife, having after a number of years, obtained a divorce, married and the girl subsequently becoming estranged from her

mother came to Manchester to live with friends in this city. During all this time she had never known her father, his residence or even his full name, though she had gotten the vague impression that he lived in North Carolina.

A few months ago she obtained employment in a mail-order liquor house on Hull Street, addressing envelopes and mailing letters for various parts of the South. Her attention being called to the fact by one of her companions, she noticed that the name Collins occurred quite frequently in the mailing list, with an Eastern North Carolina address. In a few weeks she seized the opportunity of visiting friends in that section with whom she had become acquainted in Manchester, and while there spoke of the matter to them.

It seems that the man who had frequently heard of a man named Collins living in an adjoining county who had spent several years looking for a lost daughter. A correspondence ensued, at which a short time father and daughter were united. Collins is in very comfortable circumstances, and she is quite content with her lot.

To complete the story, Miss Collins is engaged to a marry a Richmond man, which fact, while adding to the romance, complicates the situation, but the girl's father insists that they marry at once and come to live with him, which invitation, it is reported, they will accept.

**OBITUARY**

**Thomas P. Larus.**  
After an illness lasting for several years, Thomas P. Larus, one of the most widely-known citizens of Henrico county, died yesterday morning at his home, 410 Fourth Avenue, Chestnut Hill. He was sixty-four years of age.

The funeral will take place from Mizpah Presbyterian Church, Chestnut Hill, this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

For a number of years Mr. Larus had been one of the prominent political figures of the county. He has for many years been a magistrate, and has handled some of the most important cases to come up in the lower courts of the county. Few, if any, of his decisions have been reversed by the higher courts.

Mr. Larus was a brother of the late Charles D. Larus and an uncle of Charles D. Larus, Jr., of Larus & Bro. He was the son of P. C. Larus, of Henrico county. Besides his wife, he leaves four sons—W. T. Larus, H. C. Larus, B. C. Larus and G. R. Larus—and two daughters—Miss S. Y. Larus and Miss M. Larus.

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**As a member of General Fitzhugh Lee's**

**Mrs. E. H. Martin.**  
Mrs. E. H. Martin, who was two years of age, of 1635 West Grace Street, died last night at the home of her son-in-law, Andrew Welsh. She leaves three sons and one daughter.

**Dr. James S. Jones.**  
Telegrams received in Richmond yesterday announce the death at Well-wire, Buckingham county, Va., of Dr. James S. Jones, father of Eppa and St. George S. Jones and Mrs. E. F. Miler, of this city.

Dr. Jones was a prominent physician and well-known citizen of Buckingham. His general services were held at his country home this afternoon.

**John Franklin Bell.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
WINCHESTER, Va., September 8.—John Franklin Bell, a prominent landowner of Clarke county, died near Berryville to-day, after a long illness, aged sixty-nine years. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Mary Eaton Bell, five daughters and three sons. He served throughout the Civil War in the Confederate Army as a member of Company C, Twelfth Virginia Regiment.

**[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]**  
FREDERICKSBURG, Va., September 8.—E. H. Henderson, formerly of King George county, but for a number of years a resident of this city, died to-day at his home here, after a long illness, aged thirty-eight years. He is survived by his wife and three children. The body will be taken to King George county.

**Captain Thomas B. Beall.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
SALISBURY, N. C., September 8.—Following a lingering illness, Captain Thomas B. Beall, aged seventy-four years, died at his home here to-day. He was a prominent business man, and as a Confederate soldier fought through the Civil War. He is survived by a wife, one son, John M. Beall, of St. Louis, and one daughter, Mrs. John A. Ramsey, of Salisbury.

**Benjamin Franklin Rowe.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
HAMPTON, Va., September 8.—Benjamin Franklin Rowe, the oldest merchant in Elizabeth City county, died at his home at Fox Hill to-day, aged seventy-four years. He was born in Gloucester county. His widow and seven children survive him.

**G. H. Lawrence.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
POCAHONTAS, Va., September 8.—G. H. Lawrence, a prominent business man of this place, died suddenly last night, aged thirty-seven years, leaving a wife and son. The body was taken to Christiansburg for burial.

**Captain T. J. Barry.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
BUTLER, Va., September 8.—Captain T. J. Barry, a veteran of the Civil War, died at Mountain City, Tenn., to-day.

**George Smith.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
WELDON, N. C., September 8.—Geo. Smith, a veteran locomotive engineer, died at his home in Kingston to-day. He was a native of Petersburg, Va.

**Major Charles J. Green.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
CULPEPER, Va., September 8.—Major Charles J. Green, a native of Richmond, but for the past thirty years a citizen of Dallas, Texas, died here, and the remains were sent to Dallas for interment.

**Benjamin D. Lassiter.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
SUFFOLK, Va., September 8.—Benjamin D. Lassiter was found dead in bed at his home, in Nansemond county. He was fifty-five years old.

**Funeral of Miss Blanche Williamson.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
SUFFOLK, Va., September 8.—The funeral of Miss Blanche Williamson, who died in Ashville, N. C., took place this afternoon from the Suffolk Christian Church.

**Mary Elizabeth Pollard.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
FREDERICKSBURG, Va., September 8.—Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Pollard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Pollard, of Richmond, near this city, died at her home, aged nineteen years.

**Mrs. Roy Jones.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
FREDERICKSBURG, Va., September 8.—Mrs. Roy Jones, of lower Appomattox county, on the Rappahannock River, died at her home, after a brief illness of typhoid fever. She is survived by her husband. Interment was made in Stafford county.

**Funeral of James Watson.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
SALISBURY, N. C., September 8.—The remains of James Watson, who

was found dead in his room, at Charlotte Saturday night, were interred in the family burying-ground near the death. The death was a shock to family and friends in Salisbury. Heart trouble is said to have caused death.

**Mrs. George A. Howerton.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
SUFFOLK, Va., September 8.—Mrs. Ada D. Howerton, wife of George A. Howerton, died here to-day, aged thirty-one years. The remains will be taken to Tarboro, N. C., for burial.

**DEATHS**  
LARUS—Died, at his residence, Chestnut Hill, at 8:25 A. M. Wednesday, September 8. THOMAS P. LARUS, in the sixty-fourth year of his age.

Funeral from Mizpah Presbyterian Church, Chestnut Hill, this (Thursday) AFTERNOON at 4 o'clock.

**MARTIN.**—Died, Wednesday, September 8, at his home, 1535 West Grace Street, MRS. ELIZABETH HEWLETT MARTIN, in her ninety-third year. Funeral TO-MORROW (Friday) MORNING at 11 o'clock from above residence.

**ROSE.**—Died, suddenly, in New York, BEN ROSE, formerly of Winston-Salem, N. C. Burial Hebrew Cemetery at 11 o'clock. Services at the grave.

**SULLIVAN.**—Died, suddenly, September 8, 1909, at 11 A. M., at his parents' residence, 310 South Fifth Street, WILLIAM T. Sullivan, youngest son of John M. and Ella Brimmer Sullivan, aged nineteen months. Funeral from St. Peter's Church, Eighth and Grace Streets, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON at 4 o'clock.



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If you're feeling the frosty air of autumn—if your supply of warmth-givers is limited—you couldn't do better than invest liberally in these: